

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
receiving a discovery information query;
retrieving one or more XML files stored on one or more network devices, each XML file containing discovery information of the network device on which the file is stored; and
searching the discovery information in the XML files based on the received query .
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein searching the discovery information comprises searching via an XML-based search engine the discovery information in the XML files based on the query.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising manipulating the retrieved discovery information.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3 further comprising displaying the manipulated discovery information.
5. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium that provides instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations comprising:
receiving a discovery information query;

retrieving one or more extensible markup language (XML) files stored on one or more network devices, each XML file containing discovery information of the network device on which the file is stored; and

searching the discovery information in the XML files based on the received query.

6. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 5, wherein searching the discovery information comprises searching via a search engine the discovery information in the XML files based on the query.

7. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 6, wherein searching via a search engine the discovery information comprises searching via an XML-based search engine the discovery information in the XML files based on the query.

8. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 7 further comprising manipulating the retrieved discovery information.

9. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 8 further comprising displaying the manipulated discovery information.

10. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
means for receiving a discovery information query;
means for retrieving one or more extensible markup language (XML) files stored on one or more network devices, each XML file containing discovery information of the network device on which the file is stored; and

means for searching the discovery information in the XML files based on the received query .

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for searching the discovery information comprises means for searching via a search engine the discovery information in the XML files based on the query.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the means for searching the discovery information comprises means for searching via an XML-based search engine the discovery information in the XML files based on the query.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12 further comprising means for manipulating the retrieved discovery information.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13 further comprising means for displaying the manipulated discovery information.

15. (Previously Presented) A system comprising:
a plurality of network devices, each network device including an extensible markup language (XML) file that contains discovery information; and
a search engine to search the discovery information of the XML files stored on the network devices based on a received discovery information query.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein the search engine is an XML-based search engine.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices is a router.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices is a switch.

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices is a server.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices is a computer.

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices is a printer.

22. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein at least one of the network devices manages other network devices.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15 wherein the discovery information in the XML files includes data describing capabilities of the network devices.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the discovery information in the XML files includes data describing locations of the network devices.

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the discovery information in the XML files includes data describing types of the network devices.